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The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" That is not being done; the Government do not think any useful purpose will be served by so doing."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I ask by what time the Government propose to complete these appointments for all the municipalities in the Presidency?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" We cannot fix a definite time. As soon as competent men are available, more municipalities will be brought under the provisions of the Act."

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state whether the Cocanada Municipality did not protest that it was not previously consulted?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I am not aware of it; but there have been protests from certain municipalities."

Protest by the Peddapur Municipality against the appointment of a Commissioner.

* 697 *Q.*—Mr. C. INDRAYYA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any order to the Peddapur Municipality to show cause why a Commissioner should not be appointed;

(*b*) whether the municipal council protested against the appointment of the commissioner; and

(*c*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House the correspondence, if any, that passed between the Government and the Municipal Council?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) A representation was received after orders appointing a commissioner were issued.

(*c*) No. The Government consider that no useful purpose will be served by placing the correspondence on the table of the House.

Road Development schemes.

* 698 *Q.*—Mr. W. W. LADDEN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have yet reached a decision with regard to taking advantage of the favourable offer made by the hon. Member for Finance of the Government of India at the Road-Rail Conference in April last for the financing of road development schemes by means of loans;

(*b*) if so, what road development schemes are in contemplation;

(*c*) what stage has consideration of the subject of co-ordination of the means of communication in the Presidency reached;

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(*d*) whether the Government have yet reached a decision with regard to establishing a Provincial Board of Communications and to pressing for the establishing of a Central Board of Communications; and

(*e*) whether there is any prospect of the Government considering the co-ordination of the various taxes on road transport into one Provincial tax in the near future?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) No.
(*c*) The matter is still under consideration.
(*d*) No.
(*e*) No.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"With reference to answer (*c*) may I know when the Government began to consider this question?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"After the rail-road conference in May."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"When will it be possible for the Government to come to a conclusion on this very important question?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"A number of questions are involved; the Government have not come to a conclusion on them."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I know whether any attempt has been made to find out the state of the roads in each district so as to find out which districts require support and in what proportion?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"It is the duty of the local boards to bring it to the notice of the Government."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether the Government have drawn up any considered scheme of road development?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"We have got a waiting list of roads and bridges which require urgent repairs; we have not got a definite scheme of road development covering the whole Province."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"With regard to answer (*c*), may I know the exact points that are still under consideration?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The question whether road construction should be financed from loans and other connected points."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"When was the list of urgent works prepared?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"The list was prepared about seven or eight years ago; it is revised every year on reports and applications received from local bodies."

Mr. M. S. SRESHTA:—"May I ask whether the Hon. Minister will table the list of works that has already been prepared?"

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The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I do not understand what the hon. Member means by tabling."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to place on the table of the House the list of urgent works which he just now referred to?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" I have no objection to do so."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—" With reference to answer (e), may I know whether the Government have considered the question and whether they have come to any decision about the possibility of co-ordinating the various taxes?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The Government of India have dropped this question in view of the financial position of the provinces."

Resolutions of district boards for the exemption of Depressed Class students from payment of fees in board secondary schools.

* 699 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether several district boards in Andhra Desa and some district boards in the Tamil Nad have passed resolutions recommending exemption from payment of fees to Depressed Class students reading in board secondary schools;

(*b*) whether the Government have sanctioned such exemptions in all those districts; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 413 at the meeting held on the 8th November 1933. The matter is still under consideration.

Mr. G. R. Premayya:—" When the matter is finally considered and orders passed, may I know whether the orders will be communicated to the persons affected?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" The decision of the Government will be published for the information of the public."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—" May I ask what the difficulty of the Government is in sanctioning such exemptions and what points are under consideration?"

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili:—" As far as the Government are concerned, there is no difficulty at all; nor is it a question of want of sympathy for the Depressed Classes. There is no objection to local boards giving these concessions within reasonable limits. What Government feel is, that in the interest of the Depressed Classes themselves, it is necessary and desirable to what communities such concessions should be given; local bodies have been addressed on this point; replies have been received from some local bodies, while some of them have dropped the question."